

December 2024 Issue

Happy Hour

We started the month November with a happy hour. This was one of the busiest happy hours for a long time, over 60 villagers came, for a chat and a drink. Half way through the happy hour, we were all surprised with oliebollen. They were baked by Jack



Velseboer, Joop Hageman and Rein van Staalduinen.

Rein started at 8am in the morning to make the batter and soak the fruit in apple juice. The baking started at 2.30pm. There were plenty of oliebollen to go around; a great success.

A Big Thank You

On behalf of my "better half", Janni Siebring, I would like to thank all Villagers for their support, cards, flowers, goodies etc., received during a very difficult time we had. After her STROKE in September, subsequently a brain operation early November, when half a litre of blood was removed, she is currently well on her way to full recovery. Your warm wishes will not be forgotten by us.

THANK YOU ALL! Roelof Siebring

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Dorpskrant

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Deadline for Dorpskrant
24th of the month.

President's Corner

Hi de Hi Villagers

Yes summer is on its way in, more nice days. When walking through the village I can see many of you working in the gardens, with doors and windows open; the village is coming alive! The preparations for St. Nicolas and the 40th anniversary are in full swing, behind the scenes there is a lot to be done by the committee. Buying in for the St. Nicolas presents, organizing and buying food, drinks, etc. The Ons Dorp Singers are practising hard to entertain you over the next few weeks.

As we are aware that we have some villagers with Covid in the village I would like to encourage you to stay indoors if you're feeling unwell and test for Covid. Call a friend or neighbour to get a test from the care Centre if you have run out. Let's please be careful and protective of others.

On a happier note, there are some lovely events coming up in the next two months in the village. I'm saying TWO months because this Dorpskrant is for two months. The next Dorpskrant will be in your letterbox at the end of January.

Can I ask again if there is anybody in the village who can edit the Dorpskrant. This is very work intensive, but also a really rewarding task. At the moment I'm editing on top of my task as President, so if there is any interest call me on 09 974 4713. Please remember, if anything you would like to see placed or advertised in the Dorpskrant then let me know and I will put it in.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all the volunteers, who work relentlessly week in week out, to provide entertainment or other services to us the villagers. I guarantee you many an hour is spent working behind the scenes.

Don't forget to pop into the neighbours to say hallo, because a friendly word or a listening ear may be the only contact, they have for that day. Now let me wish you all a Merry Christmas and a healthy and happy 2024!!

Margie van Staalduinen



Bowling Club Dinner

On Wednesday the 30th of October the bowling club had our yearly dinner night.

Every Monday on our bowling night we pay a little contribution and that saving will go towards our

dinner. We decided to stay in the Hall because travelling at night is not for everyone. The tables were beautifully set by some of our ladies and an other lady made a yummy warm cherry sauce for over the ice cream with cream on top!

Our dinner was delivered by Khawhom Thai restaurant in Te Atatu Peninsula.

It was a great night with plenty of food, lots of talk and laughs and so relaxed in our own Beatrix Paviljoen. Already looking forward to the next one - but we have to save up first.



Koos Brasser, Live



A big thank you to Koos (Harry) Brasser, who played for the villagers on Friday night, 8th November. What a performance. Koos has been playing the organ for most of his life. Whilst living in Rotorua, Koos performed nearly weekly for retirement villages. Koos plays everything without music. Amazing. Koos entertained us as well with his witty and true stories. It was a pleasure to watch and listen to him and the music. So skilled, foot pedals, chords and melody, on top of all that, he needs to know all the others knobs and buttons he has to work with. Great performance Koos!

End of year lunch Klaverjas

On Monday 11 November the klaverjas players totalling 17, went out for lunch. We went to Bricklane in New Lynn. All ordered lunch and drinks, the company was great and the food enjoyed by most! All in all a lovely outing to close the year. Klaverjassen

will continue over the holiday season until the 6th January. You will be notified after that.



Faye's November Village trip

Our November trip to Half Moon Bay was enjoyed by four villagers. The weather was kind to us (no rain at all until we arrived back at Henderson).

The Ferry ride was lovely and we were delighted with the large variety of lunch choices offered us at the popular café on the beach frontage.

We all did a wee bit of shopping in Henderson, and for just two dollars each we enjoyed a Taxi ride home by a very courteous driver.

Sjoel Competition

On Thursday 14 November we had another enjoyable sjoel afternoon. With a break, for afternoon tea, with a lovely slice. This time we had 6 tables and 24 players. Unfortunately we can't have more participants as we don't have enough tables, sjoelbakken and space to move around.

The Society has decided to make this a regular event. From January next year, we will have a sjoel afternoon once a month on the 4th Friday afternoon. The first one next year will be on Friday 24th January from 1.30 pm.

If you would like to participate please contact Antonia villa 38 or call 027 4804 835



Bob Bokhorst's Legacy

Bokhorst dinner November 2024, was enjoyed by many villagers. The hall looked lovely and welcoming with tables dressed in white with their red centrepieces and the wee pots of flowers.

The catering was done by "One Sip Cafe" they have outdone themselves it was delicious, there was ample food and many a container was filled to take home. The bar is always popular, especially with our cheery barmen Simon and Brian.

Jim Joel looked after the musical part of the evening, and as always he got some villagers up and dancing, which was like good old times. It was a good idea to have Lynn there to observe and join in too, so it'll be good to hear her and the other band members in December.

We mustn't forget that we are getting older and the body doesn't always do what we would like. It was a pleasure to see others on the floor though. A big thank you to all the volunteers/committee members that again helped to make this a successful evening.





Housie

It has been a pleasure to run the monthly Housie evening with Guusje and Janni, every third Thursday of the month this year. With the extra prizes and speculaas issued to all participants (due to the last Housie and X-Mas coming), everybody was a winner. We are looking forward to running this activity for another year and hope to see many Villagers and outsiders in 2025. Many thanks on behalf of the Housie Clan.

Senior Safe Driving

On 22nd November, Sinya from NZTA came to educate 30 plus villagers on the latest road rules. She refreshed our Road code memories. Many an interested situation was shown on video, so we all could have a good look to see who had the right of way first. All villagers participated in the questions that were asked. An interesting fact I learned was , all traffic on top of the "T" goes before me! There was no test as such, but plenty of interaction after seeing videos. The TV in the lounge came in handy, after initial problems to get the sound through. All was solved! We stopped for a tea break with some cake, at the end of the morning, there was a sausage roll for each villager and as a surprise we all received a certificate that we had done the course. A very educational and pleasant morning.





40th Anniversary, please fly the flags!!

Many of you will have realized that “Ons Dorp” will celebrate it’s 40th anniversary this year.

This will be celebrated on 14th of December, starting at 2pm. We would like to invite all villagers for the celebrations. See you there!



New Years Eve Party with Oliebollen.

We would like to invite you, to celebrate New Year’s Eve together, 9 pm start in the Paviljoen. Bring a plate and your preferred drink, don’t forget your best smile. The committee will look after the oliebollen. We will watch a movie on TV and will have some music. Perhaps a dance or two!

To all “Ons Dorp singers

An urgent request to come to the practices of the Ons Dorp Singers. We have quite a few performances coming up and we would like to sound our best!

Street performers Alert !!!

On the evenings of Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th December, between the hours of 7pm and 8pm, we the “Ons Dorp” singers, will be walking the streets singing Christmas Carols.

Listen out for our bell ringer as we arrive, come out and enjoy!

To all villagers

The “Ons Dorp” Singers warmly invite you all to an afternoon concert of Christmas music at 2pm on Friday 20th December in the paviljoen.

Come along and sing with us, or just enjoy the music.

Tea/coffee and biscuits to follow.



December village trip 18th December

Christmas lights are always popular in December. Huapai Village offer a STUNNING array of entertainment and whole blocks of Disney “Lit up” fantasies. The suburb is flat so it is easy to walk around. Hopefully the weather will be warm and dry.

Due to a vast response at the singing practice, the Village van is full. However let’s all go together. If you can carpool, contact Faye and advise her how many villagers you can take. We will all leave together from the Care Centre at 8pm. WE NEED DRIVERS AND CARS.

If you would like to join us, phone Faye 09-838-6952 leaving your Villa number CLEARLY and SLOWLY on the poor quality answer machine. Many Thanks Faye.

The Care Centre Christmas lunch

The Care Centre has a Christmas lunch on 25th December. There are limited spaces available for single Villagers, who spend Christmas alone. There is a cover charge, to be paid by yourself. Contact Russelle at reception if you’re interested to join.

The Village Shop is open every Wednesday morning between 9 and 12pm

The village shop is now selling flags and has a large range of goodies like: kroketten; kersen bonbons; a variety of chocolates; ginger or plain ontbijtkoek; a large selection of different kinds of Dutch biscuits; drops (Liquorice) all sorts; soup (tomato, chicken, vegetable, pea soup) chocolate hail; different spices; red cabbage in a jar; brown beans, kapucijners, appelstroop, biscotti's and.... much, much more! On our monthly market days (the last Friday of the month) both the "Kaas Boer" with his large delicious selection of Dutch cheeses and the "Herring Boer" with Dutch herring, witlof and roll mops are always popular and busy. Furthermore, there are the knick-knack tables with lots of items for sale!

Raffle winners on market day

Friday 29th November

1st prize – Aria Kuijl

2nd prize – Eric Hefford

Next Market Friday 20st December

Then in 2025 Friday 31st January



Music Lovers

Hi to all music lovers. Every Wednesday morning from 10-12, I play your favourite music in the Pavilion lounge.

Relax and stay as long or short as you like.

A mixture of popular, classical, jazz, klezmer - whatever you fancy - all played by world famous artists.

Christmas Concert in Huapai

On Sunday 15th December the Kumeu Singers are holding a Christmas Concert at St. Chads Huapai. Two village members are singing in that choir and would love anyone, that enjoys listening and singing Christmas Carols and songs to come, and join in with the Choir during the Concert, The Concert starts at 7pm, and concludes with a sumptuous supper. Share cars and come listen and join in the popular Carols with the Choir. We would love to have you. Admission is Koha.

Beryl Bourhill and Ruth Ballard

Exercise at the Paviljoen

Monday Balancing Classes Thursday Exercise Classes

Monday 10-11pm

Every Monday

Thursday 10-11pm

Every Thursday



Advertising

If any villagers would like to advertise or have a question to place in the Dorpskrant, please contact the editor Margie van Staalduinen, villa 18.

Ph. 974-4713 or 021-222-6833

Open Fellowship

A gathering for all who love, or want to know the Lord Jesus

Where: in the Atrium

When: every Friday

Time: 2pm



++ All Welcome++

Catholic Mass Service



11.00 am at the Care Centre

Every 3rd Wednesday of the Month

Transport

Transport is being offered to those that would like to join activities within "Ons Dorp".

Please note: You will need to be able to walk **unaided to and from** the vehicle.

The following people are available to help with transport:

Joop Hageman	09 837 5176
Roelof Siebring	09 838 1017
Simon Hoekstra	09 299 9126
Rein van Staalduinen	09-974 4713



Batteries

Many thanks to all the villagers who have posted their used household batteries in my letterbox at Villa no 8. Last weekend I took just under three kilos of batteries to the battery recycling collection point. The woman on reception was most impressed by the full carton. Those of you who have not yet done so yet, are welcome to separate their used batteries from the rubbish and post them at Villa no 8 for recycling... It helps keep the harmful elements out of our landfill.

Well done , Keep it up

Gail

Jeannette Zuidmeer, Villa 29, would like to read the Trilogie; Dorp aan de rivier, written by Anton Coolen. If you are reading this book at the moment can you get in contact with Jeanette please!! Phone number 814-9322. Many thanks.



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Januari 2025

Movies– Housie– Market– Happy Hour–Ons Dorp Singers

There will be no Movies in December /January, Roelof will start showing Movies again in February. The people that are following the Dutch series Bartje, will be informed by Roelof when he will be showing the sequences.

The last Housie was on 21 November. The first Housie will be in February on the third Thursday which will on 20th February.

The last Market for this year will be on 20th December. The first Market will be on the last Friday, 31st January 2025.

All these dates you will find on the calendars added to this Dorpskrant.

The first Happy hour will be on 9th February 2025, (2nd Friday in the month).

The Ons Dorp Singers will start again on Friday 16th 1.30pm. From then on the Singers will meet on the first and Third Fridays of the month.

Happy Hour on the second Friday and the Market on the fourth Friday of the month.



January Village trip

On Wednesday 8th January 2025, the village trip takes us to Chrystal Mountain.

After a short drive to Ranui, we will arrive at Chrystal Mountain, where you will be able to look around at your own leisure. They offer a Gallery, plus Museum, there is a café, and Chrystal Mountain Park. Prices vary, depending on what activity if any you would like to participate in. Leaving from Care Centre at 10am, if interested please contact Margie at 09-974-4713 or 021-222-6833, villa 18. There will be no longer a charge for transport.

Sjoelen

Just a reminder for the people that have entered their names for the sjoel afternoon.

It is on Wednesday 24th January at 1.30 in the pavilion. It will be a fun afternoon with an afternoon tea break.



Regular Activities in the Paviljoen

Sunday Coffee Mornings at 10.00 am

The 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month in the **Atrium**.

The 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month in the **Paviljoen**.



Monday Afternoon Klaverjassen at 1.00pm

A very relaxed afternoon playing cards, with tea/coffee in the break.

Contact: Margie, 974 4713.

Monday Evening Indoor Bowling at 7.30 pm

These are very enjoyable social evenings with a cup of tea or coffee at the end of the evening. Therefore, if you enjoy social evenings and want to give it a try, you will not regret it!



Tuesday Afternoon any games from 1.00 pm until 5 pm

Here again, villagers who enjoy playing games get together to play a social game with a chat and cup of tea or coffee. All villagers are welcome, please bring any games you may have from home if you like.

Wednesday Morning at 9.00 am

Crafty villagers get together every Wednesday morning, starting at 9:30am to do knitting, needle work, in short anything to do with hand crafts. All villagers welcome.



Wednesday Afternoon Playing Canasta at 1.00pm

Villagers interested in playing / learning Canasta or Klaverjassen please phone Theresia on 320 0296 or 027-614-3643.

Thursday Afternoon Billiards or Pool at 1.00 pm

Villagers play pool or French billiards (3 Balls, no pockets)
Newcomers are welcome.



Thursday Afternoon Pickle Ball, from 4.00 – 5.00 pm

Paviljoen or Bowling green.

Contact Petra, ph 833-8044 or mob. 021-256-3361

Housie every 3rd Thursday Evening of the month at 7:00pm

Good prizes, good company. Coffee or tea with biscuits during the evening,
Contact Guusje Boots, ph. 837 5241 or Roelof Siebring, phone 838 1017

